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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: DEBATE THIS ITEM CONTINUED ON DECEMBER 8 WITH NONALIGNED AND OTHERS GROUP AGREEING ON DRAFT RESOLUTION IN EARLY AFTERNOON. STATEMENTS OF INTEREST INCLUDED USSR WITH A LENGTHY REFERENCE TO ITS NON-USE OF FORCE INITIATIVE, LIBYA WHO LAUNCHED INTO FAMILIAR ANTI-ISRAELI THEMES, SPAIN WHO OPPOSED THE DELEGATION OF PEACEKEEPING AUTHORITY TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND ROMANIA WHO URGED MORE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS IN 1977. FRENCH AND UK DELEGATIONS IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS WITH US DEL PROPOSED THAT THREE WESTERN PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SC AGREE TO SUPPORT BY CONSENSUS DRAFT RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING SPC DEBATE DECEMBER 8, WORKING GROUP MEMBERS MET IN CONSULTATIONS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT RESOLUTION. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS WAS TO EFFECT THAT NONALIGNED AND OTHER SPONSORS COULD NOT ACCEPT EITHER UK OR US-PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OPERATIVE PARA THREE. UK AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE INSERTED "IN VIEW OF THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES" BEFORE PERMANENT MEMBERS.

US AMENDMENT (PER LORENZ/ROWE TELECON) WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN ADDED AT END OF PARA 3, WAS ALSO REJECTED BY NONALIGNED DRAFTING GROUP. GROUNDS OF REJECTION WERE THAT AMENDMENTS WERE UNNECESSARY AND NONALIGNED HAD COMPROMISED ALREADY IN AGREEING TO CHANGES IN PREAMBULAR PARAS. BRAZILIAN DEL AT LATER POINT MADE REVEALING STATEMENT THT UK AND US AMENDMENTS WOULD COMPLETELY REVERSE THE INTENTION OF THE DRAFTING GROUP. USSR DEL STATED THAT WITHOUT UK AMENDMENT, USSR WOULD SUPPORT DRAFT RESOLUTION BUT WOULD NOT COSPONSOR. WG MEMBERS AND SOME OTHERS, WITH EXCEPTION SC PERM MEMBERS, PLAN TO COSPONSOR RESOLUTION.

3. ACTING CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP (BRAZIL) REMARKED THAT AS NOTED IN AN EARLIER CONSULTATION, THE DELEGATION INTRODUCING THE RESOLUTION WOULD REFER IN ITS STATEMENT TO THE PHRASE ON PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SC AS INDICATING THAT THE PERM MEMBERS HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPERATIVE PARA 3 WAS NOT INTENDED TO REFLECT ADVERSELY ON THEM. UK, FRANCE, AND US DELS IN SEPARATE CONSULTATION AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO CAPITALS THAT ALL THREE SUPPORT CONSENSUS BUT MAKE EXPLANATION OF VOTE STATEMENTS AS APPROPRIATE. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO RECOMMENDATION AND ON EXPLANATION OF VOTE STATEMENT.

4. IN POST-MORTEM DISCUSSION WITH JAPANESE AND CANADIAN DELS WHO ATTENDED NONALIGNED AND OTHER DRAFTING SESSIONS, IT WAS CLEAR THAT BRAZILIAN AND INDIAN DELS HAD FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO REFER TO PERM MEMBERS OF THE SC AS DRAFTED IN OPERATIVE PARA 3. NO ARGUMENT COULD APPARENTLY BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE BRAZILIAN DEL TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN ANY WAY IN POSITION. THIS PERHAPS CAN BE EXPLAINED AT FRUSTRATION OF BRAZILIANS AND OTHERS AT LACK OF PROGRESS IN WORKING GROUP FOR WHICH THE RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD RIGHTLY BE SHOULDERED BY ALL AND PERHAPS BY THE EVEN DEEPER FRUSTRATION OF SOME NATIONS OVER THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIAL STATUS OF PERM MEMBERS OF THE SC.

5. SINCE DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS NOT CIRCULATED BEFORE CLOSE OF WORKING HOURS ON DECEMBER 8, VOTING WILL PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE DECEMBER 13 INASMUCH AS SPC WILL NOT MEET DECEMBER 10. SEVEN SPEAKERS ARE INSCRIBED FOR DECEMBER 9.
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